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Commander finds no significant impact; Reserve Center construction given green light

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. – With the signing of the Finding of No Significant Impact document, Fort A.P. Hill commander, Lt. Col. Jack Haefner, has cleared the way for construction of a U.S. Army Reserve Center on the installation.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment documents were made available for review and comment by the public for 30 days. The Environmental Assessment reports the analysis of the potential impacts to the installation and in the surrounding communities.

The Environmental Assessment supports the finding that there will be no significant impacts from the Proposed Action and that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Construction of the center will cost an estimated \$15.5 million and it is slated to begin in March 2011. The center will include a 33,170 square-foot training building, a 7,526 square-foot maintenance shop and a 1,065 square-foot unheated storage building. The center will also provide a library; administrative, educational and assembly areas; an arms room; an indoor weapons simulator; and, physical fitness facilities for the 200-member Multi-Role Bridge Company.

This addition will bring 12 full-time personnel and 185 reservists to the Caroline County-based installation. The full-time personnel would work Monday through Friday while the Reserve Soldiers would primarily train one weekend per month and two weeks annually. The unit would provide personnel and equipment required for the transportation, assembly, disassembly, maintenance and retrieval of U.S. Army bridging systems.

The signed FONSI and EA are available at the Fort A.P. Hill website

<http://www.aphill.army.mil/sites/directorates/ea.asp>